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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: VISIT BY CONGRESSIONAL AIDE

- 1. SUMMARY. THE VISIT BY TERRY PEEL RECEIVED COVERAGE IN BOTH THE GOVERNMENT-INFLUENCED DAILY "NOTICIAS", PUBLISHED IN MAPUTO, AND IN THE DAILY "DIARIO" PUBLISHED IN BEIRA. BOTH PAPERS RAN STORIES PROMINENTLY ON THE BACK PAGE WHICH STRESSED PEEL'S FAVORABLE EVALUATION OF USG PROGRAMS IN MOZAMBIQUE AND THE GOVERNMENT OF MOZAMBIQUE EFFORTS TO IMPLEMENT ITS EMERGENCY PROGRAM.
- THE JULY 20 EDITION OF "DIARIO", WHICH IS RECEIVED IN THE CAPITAL DAYS AFTER APPEARING IN BEIRA, CARRIED AN ARTICLE ON PEEL HEADLINED: "CONTRARY TO WHAT I THOUGHT, AFTER ALL IT IS REALLY FUNCTIONING -- THE LEADER OF A GROUP OF SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS OF THE US HOUSE OF "TWO YEARS AGO I REPRESENTATIVES. " FULL TEXT FOLLOWS. HEARD A KIND OF TALK ABOUT THE BEIRA CORRIDOR. I THOUGHT TO MYSELF: THIS WILL NEVER WORK. NOW, I CAN SAY WITH CONVICTION THAT I AM IMPRESSED, THAT THE CONCLUSION WHICH I NOW HOLD IS EXACTLY OPPOSITE TO THAT WHICH I HELD TWO YEARS AGO. THE PORT OF BEIRA TO CITE ONLY ONE EXAMPLE, IS FUNCTIONING VERY WELL", SAID THE LEADER OF A GROUP OF MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON FOREIGN OPERATIONS WITHIN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES, TERRY PEEL, WHO ENDED TODAY HIS FOUR-DAY VISIT TO MOZAMBIQUE.

TERRY PEEL, WHO ARRIVED IN BEIRA FROM QUELIMANE, INDICATED FURTHER THAT HIS COUNTRY WAS ENGAGED FINANCIALLY IN SEVERAL PROJECTS IN THE BEIRA CORRIDOR. HE NOTED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WILL GIVE THIS YEAR ABOUT 35 MILLION DOLLARS FOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS FOR THE

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CORRIDOR. NEXT YEAR, HE ADDED, ANOTHER 35 MILLION IS ALLOCATED. "I THINK THAT AROUND 100 MILLION DOLLARS WILL BE ABLE TO BE GIVEN BY THE UNITED STATES FOR BEIRA CORRIDOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS, " HE EMPHASIZED.

TERRY PEEL, WHO YESTERDAY MORNING AND EARLY AFTERNOON VISITED THE TOWN OF INHAMINGA TOLD WHAT HE HAD SEEN: ALMOST EVERYTHING DESTROYED AND THE GREAT NEED FOR ASSISTANCE, ESPECIALLY FOR CHILDREN. INHAMINGA HAS AT THIS MOMENT A POPULATION IN WHICH 75 PERCENT ARE CHILDREN OF AROUND 12 YEARS OF AGE.

"I AGREE WITH AMBASSADOR MELISSA WELLS, WHEN SHE SAYS IT IS NECESSARY TO ASSIST THE CHILDREN, BY PLANNING A PROGRAM WHICH WILL NOT PROVIDE ONLY THE NECESSARY FOOD BUT OTHER THINGS, SUCH AS, FOR EXAMPLE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE. I SAW THAT THE CHILDREN HAVE SOME FOOD, BUT THIS IS NOT ENOUGH TO REHABILITATE THEM, MORE IS NEEDED ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN IN THE HANDS OF THE BANDITS" -- HE SAID.

SPEAKING ABOUT THE IMPACT OF THE GERSONY REPORT IN THE UNITED STATES, COMMISSIONED BY THE US DEPARTMENT OF STATE ON THE ARMED BANDITRY IN MOZAMBIQUE, TERRY PEEL SAID THAT THIS DOCUMENT IS OF EXTREME IMPORTANCE BECAUSE IT DEMONSTRATES TO AMERICANS "FIRST HAND EVIDENCE OF THE ACTIONS OF THE ARMED BANDITS. IT HAD A GREAT IMPACT AND HAS BEGUN TO CLARIFY THE OPINIONS OF PEOPLE ABOUT MOZAMBIQUE" -- HE SAID. TERRY PEEL. WHOSE MISSION WAS TO SEE ON THE GROUND THE

EFFECTS OF THE WAR, THE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS AND THE PROBLEMS OF DISPLACED PERSONS AND REFUGEES, LEFT THIS MORNING FOR MALAWI, WHERE HE WILL TALK WITH MOZAMBICAN REFUGEES.

YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, TERRY PEEL AND HIS DELEGATION, WHICH INCLUDED KELLY KAMMERER, DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS OF THE AGENCY OF INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE UNITED STATES, HAD DINNER AT THE NAUTICAL CLUB WITH BEIRA BUSINESSMEN, WITH WHOM THEY CONVERSED ABOUT THE ROLE OF THE PRIVATE BUSINESSMEN IN MOZAMBIQUE AND ABOUT THE NEED OF THESE FOR EXPANSION AND UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 02 MAPUTO 02663

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BETTER OPERATIONS. TERRY PEEL SAID THAT AS FAR AS HE UNDERSTOOD, THE TRANSPORT SECTOR NEEDED TO BE STIMULATED IN ORDER TO INCREASE THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND THE UNITED STATES BELIEVED THAT IT WAS POSSIBLE TO DO SO THROUGH ITS ASSISTANCE. END INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF ARTICLE.

3. THE JULY 23 "NOTICIAS" CARRIED AN ARTICLE "PRM NEEDS MORE ASSISTANCE - SAYS TERRY PEEL, OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTAITVES OF THE UNITED STATES." FIRST PARAGRAPH OF STORY READS, IN TRANSLATION: "THE EFFORTS PUT FORTH BY THE MOZAMBICAN AUTHORITIES ARE IMPRESSIVE CONSIDERING THE STATE OF EMERGENCY, BUT ADDITIONAL AID FROM THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY IS YET NECESSARY, ESPECIALLY IN THE MEANS OF TRANSPORT" SAID YESTERDAY THE HEAD OF A DELEGATION OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE OF FOREIGN OPERATIONS OF

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THE US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF CONGRESS, TERRY PEEL. THIS PERSONALITY SPOKE WITH OUR CORRESPONDENT IN QUELIMANE ON THE FIRST DAY OF HIS VISIT TO THE PROVINCE OF ZAMBEZIA TO EVALUATE THE PROGRAMS RESULTING FROM THE AID OF THE USA TO OUR COUNTRY WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE EMERGENCY. END QUOTE. THE REMAINDER OF THE ARTICLE PROVIDES THE GROUP'S ITINERARY, COMMENTS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF THE GERSONY REPORT, AND NOTES THAT THE USA PROVIDES 100 MILLION DOLLARS OF AID ANNUALLY TO MOZAMBIQUE IN FOOD, MATERIAL, EQUIPMENT AND THROUGH SADCC. EFIRD UNCLASSIFIED END OF MESSAGE

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